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Continuation report in the case concerning Garstenn.

Gottlieb Friedrich Christian, born July 25, 1906 in Kiel.

In the case Friedrich Garstenn has been interrogated names of names and details concerning his assistants at the "Amt VI" in Copenhagen beyond Mrs. Gephhardt, the above mentioned secretary.

Here it must be stated that Ange Willy Asmussen during interrogation has stated that the subject associated very much with a German named Pioch, who is supposed to have worked for "Amt VI".

During interrogation the subject stated that probably in November or December 1944 "Amt VI" sent Hauptsturmführer Günther Pioch to assist the subject. Pioch was mainly to be used at the office. The subject states that Pioch did not possess the intelligence necessary for the work within "Amt VI", and thus the subject did not use him for the work itself, but as Pioch had stayed in Sweden after the Great War and therefore spoke and read Swedish excellently. The subject set him to work at reading Swedish papers hoping in this way to be able to get something of interest for the work of "Amt VI".

The subject says that Pioch talked with Thalbitzer possibly twice about the latter's trips for the subject to Sweden as mentioned in a proceeding report. When Pioch did so it happened only because Thalbitzer did not speak German, for which reason the subject had difficulty in understanding him. At that time too Pioch translated the matters of which the subject wanted Thalbitzer to get information from German into Swedish, which Thalbitzer understood excellently.

The subject states that there was not really any office-work, and that Pioch therefore was quite superfluous for the work of the subject, of which the subject also informed "Amt VI" in Berlin. He says that Pioch was sent to Berlin about April 20, 1945, and the subject has had no connection with him later on.

Further the subject states that possible at the beginning of April 1945 "Amt VI" sent him a secretary named Müller, Gertrud Margrethe Elfriede, born April 19, 1922 in Hamburg. The subject had no work for her, and he arranged it so that she was sent to the SD-Dienststelle in Aabenraa,

The subject claims that he had no other assistants here in Copenhagen, and that he himself reported directly to SS-Sturmbannführer Bussinger, "Referat" with the "Referat" VI D 3, but he says that he, however, did not belong to this "Referat" but to the "Referat" VI D 2, England, the leader of which was Dr. Schüttehopf, SS-Hauptsturmführer.

The subject has been interrogated concerning the connection of Seibold and that of Gilbert with the "Amt VI" and states that he does not know Gilbert at all, whereas he has a superficial knowledge of Seibold, of which he states that he met him at the office of the "Amt VI" in Berlin probably in 1943. The subject talked a few words with Seibold and asked a.o. things, what he was doing there, to which Seibold answered that he was there on a special mission - Sonderauftrag - and therefore the subject did not put further questions.

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The subject says that he does not know for certain if Seibolt worked for the "Amt VI", but he thinks that Seibolt worked for the "Amt VI" either in Norway or in Denmark at that time. Seibolt was probably employed at the consulate at Dagmarhus. The subject thinks that Seibolt was Daufeldt's predecessor in this country for the "Amt VI", but he is not able to state anything certain.

Later on the subject has met Seibolt possibly in December 1944 or in January 1945 in Copenhagen and possibly in February or March again, when he was on an official journey to Berlin, but the subject thinks that Seibolt worked for the "Abwehr" at that time.

Granberg, June dorney is quite unknown to the subject, but during the interrogation he states that he knows Graf von der Schuhlenburg by repute, who was employed at the German Legation in Stockholm. The subject thinks that von der Schuhlenburg worked for the "Abwehr", but does not know anything for certain.

The subject has no knowledge of any connection with the Swedish IS.

Concerning agents in Sweden, Iceland, U.K. and U.S.A. the subject claims that he is completely ignorant of the persons, who worked for the "Amt VI" in Sweden. He maintains that he has not had one single connection via Sweden.

Concerning agents in the other countries mentioned, the subject declares that he knows exactly that no agents from the "Amt VI" were in these countries.

He claims that he has not had any official connection with Grünheim, the head of the "Amt VI" in Oslo, whom he knows from Berlin, where they were in the same section. He says that he has not had anything to do with Iceland and has never received reports from there. Thus he claims that he does not know either Sigvaldason or Thorsteinsson, and the same is the case with Dr. Lodz, an Oberleutnant, whom he claims to know "either by name" or by doing and he has had no connection with him.

Concerning the connection of "Amt VI" with sabotage, including Skorzeny, Dr. Major Eisenberg, Peter Schäfer, Schwerdt, Schmidt and Römer, the subject declares that he does not know any of these persons except Skorzeny, whom he has seen and talked with once in Berlin. Skorzeny is a man, who is well-known to everybody in Germany on account of the liberation of Mussolini, but the subject claims to have no knowledge of Skorzeny's work. Concerning this matter, however, the subject has previously been interrogated closely, and at that time he gave a similar statement.

The subject also claims that he has no knowledge of the fact that "Amt VI" is said to have had connection with the terrorist groups here in Copenhagen.

Conclusion and recommendation as mentioned in the previous report.

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